

911 Advisory Council

Minutes
October 20, 2016
1:30 PM
Capitol Room 152

Members Present:

Ron Baldwin, SCIO, Chairman
Commissioner Gary Macdonald, MACO
Peggy Glass, PSAPs < 30,000
Clint Loss, MEMSA
Tom Butler, DOJ/MHP

Michael Fashoway, MSL - Alternate
Lisa Kelly, Century Link
Curt Stinson, MACOP
Greg Megaard, MFCA
Kerry O'Connell, PSAPs > 30,000

Staff Present:

Quinn Ness, MDOA/SITSD; Wendy Jackson, MDOA/SITSD; Rhonda Sullivan, MDO/SITSD

Guests Present:

Sandra Barrows, Barrows Consulting; Robert Armstrong, DOJ/MHP

☞ Real-time Communication:

Bill Le Poidevin; Chris Lounsbury, Missoula County; Tara Thue, AT&T

Welcome and Introductions

Ron Baldwin called the meeting to order. All members and guests were introduced.

Minutes

The August 18, 2016 minutes will be approved at the next 911 Advisory Council meeting.

Business

Draft Legislation: Review & Discussion

Quinn Ness updated the Council on the status of LC0445. The Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee met on September 9, 2016. Mr. Ness gave testimony to the committee and provided the 911 Advisory Council's recommendation for the committee to adopt the bill draft as proposed. The committee accepted this recommendation and adopted the draft legislation. Final review of the initial bill draft is now taking place. The next step will be to submit the formal request to the Legislative Services Division. It will then be requested that Legislative Services engage in a legal review of the bill draft. After this review the bill will be available for viewing online. Senator Ankney from the interim committee has agreed to introduce the bill as a "committee bill" and has requested reassurance that all local entities are in support of this bill. Mr. Ness provided the Senator with this assurance. Mr. Ness encouraged Council members to review the draft bill with their associations once it has been added to the legislative website and obtain a letter of support and /or formal resolution of support for the bill that could be provided to legislators during the legislative session. The Council will then work with Senator Ankney to organize support and testimony for this legislation. The review of the official bill draft is due October 27, 2016. This bill will be available on the legislative website shortly after the October 27, 2016 deadline. If associations wish to review this bill draft prior to the legislative session and would like support from the 911 Advisory council, they should contact Mr. Ness at gness@mt.gov.

Commissioner McDonald stated that the MACO commissioners declined to vote to approve the draft bill until they have had the opportunity to read it.

Action Item: Mr. Ness will notify the 911 Advisory Council when the bill draft is posted to the legislative website.

Action Item: Commissioner Macdonald will introduce this draft bill to MACO for approval at the December 5, 2016 meeting.

Q: Kerry O'Connell: has there been additional feedback regarding this bill draft?

A: Mr. Ness: There has been no feedback that I am aware of.

Lisa Kelly commented that the feedback from the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) is that they want to be assured that they are not going to lose any money. Ms. Kelly offered reassurance that this is not the case.

Mr. Ness commented that he spoke with Chuck Lee concerning this bill and encouraged him to reach out to members of the 911 Advisory Council with any questions he might have.

Action Item: Ms. O’Connell will follow up with Mr. Lee regarding any questions he may have concerning the draft legislation.

The Council approved the cancelation of the November 911 Advisory Council meeting with meetings to resume on December 15, 2016.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Next Meeting

November 17, 2016 at 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM

Mitchell Building, Room 7

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 PM